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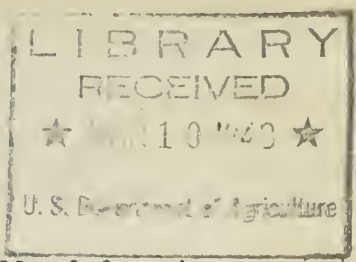
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NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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ANNOUNCER: And in Washington, here are....

VAN DEMAN: Ruth Van Deman...

KADDERLY: And Wallace Kadderly. Our informational bill of fare is somewhat unusual for Friday. Secretary Wickard usually speaks to you on Friday. But he's skipping today because on Monday his talk in New York at the Northeast regional conference on 1943 farm production goals will be broadcast on the Farm and Home Hour.

VAN DEMAN: Speaking of the Secretary...Wallace, I'm sure the listeners would like to know how Secretary Wickard has changed the administrative set-up of the Department of Agriculture to carry out the Nation's food program.

KADDERLY: I'd like to discuss that. From now on, we'll be using two terms that aren't now familiar.

VAN DEMAN: You mean "Food Production Administration" and "Food Distribution Administration?"

KADDERLY: That's right. And I have here the names of the agencies grouped together into those two new major units. The Food Production Administration includes the Triple-A, Soil Conservation Service, Farm Credit Administration, Farm Security Administration, and parts of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Office of Agricultural War Relations. The Food Production Administration is headed by Herbert W. Parisius, who has been associate director of the Office for Agricultural War Relations.

The Food Distribution Administration consolidates the Agricultural Marketing Administration, the Sugar Agency, the regulatory work of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and part of the Office for Agricultural War Relations. This Food Distribution Administration is headed by Roy F. Hondrickson, who has been administrator of agricultural marketing.

VAN DEMAN: Now, all of the agencies you've mentioned that are re-grouped into two units are already in the Department, but the President's executive order delegating new powers to the Secretary of Agriculture indicated that some new agencies would be added.

KADDERLY: Here's what Secretary Wickard said about that yesterday: "the functions, personnel and property of any outside agencies, including those in the War Production Board, that may be transferred to the Department as a result of the Executive order will become a part of one of these new agencies, depending on whether they are primarily concerned with food production or food distribution!"

VAN DEMAN: As to the significance of this realignment, Wallace, do you remember what Secretary Wickard told the radio and press correspondents yesterday?

KADDERLY: Yes, he said, "We now have, concentrated in one place, the administrative machinery to get the raw materials to deliver the finished product, from the time the seed goes into the ground until the food goes into consumption." He asked the cooperation of farmers, food handlers and consumers.

VAN DEMAN: And he especially asked the radio and press people to keep housewives informed on our food situation and on ways they can help make our food supplies do full duty. He repeatedly said that a big part of our job is to stop waste... at every step...in producing, processing, even down to eating.

KADDERLY: We'll have a great deal more information about the food program in the days ahead.